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1. THE REFERENCED FBIS ITEM REPEATS AN APRIL 23 "BANGKOK POST" STORY THAT THE RTG HAS ORDERED 1400 TAIWANESE INTELLIGENCE MEN TO LEAVE THAILAND. THE SAME STORY REPORTS THAT THE RTG WILL DISARM THE CHINESE IRREGULAR FORCES (CIF) OF GENERALS LI WEN-HUAN AND TUAN HSI-WEN, AND PLACE THEM IN RESTRICTED AREAS TO PURSUE LIGITIMATE BUSINESS.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE RTG IS UNDER-TAKING ANY SUCH MEASURES AGAINST THE IBMND OR CIF. THE RTG IS PRESSING THE IBMND TO ABANDON ITS BASE CAMP AT HUAI MO FOR A MORE SECLUDED LOCATION IN NORTH THAILAND QUITE CLOSE TO THE BURMA BORDER. NO REALISTIC OFFICIAL SERIOUSLY BELIEVES HOWEVER, THAT THE IBMND WILL LEAVE THAILAND OR THAT THE RTG WILL DISARM THE CIF. STORIES REPORTING SIMILAR RTG "DECISIONS" HAVE APPEARED FREQUENTLY IN THE BANGKOK PRESS IN THE PAST, BUT THE IBMND AND CIF REMAIN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIEFDOMS.
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